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In re Patent Application of:  
Kazuo Matsuyama et al.

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Art Unit: 3621

For: ELECTRONIC RIGHTS INFORMATION  
PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT SAME  
AND RECORDED MEDIUM FOR PROGRAM  
CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

Examiner: P. E. Elisca

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.